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Readers Say—

Deplores Unfriendliness

To the Editor:

I have read that those who keep silence to their convictions where the welfare of others are concerned, must share the blame for the catastrophe. Because *United Evangelical Action* enters the homes of so many denominations, I wish to express our views.

By re-reading your statement (NAE) of Faith, I am assured you want God's truth to be presented and know also that your interest is in Evangelism and the welfare of the Evangelical Churches.

For about twenty-five years we have watched a spirit growing, not only in our own denomination but in many others as well. We have always felt the desire to know what other Evangelical Churches believe and their work, so we have visited many. We find a spirit of unfriendliness among both large and small groups. We have seen so much unconcern and unfriendliness among Christian groups that we wonder what will be the outcome unless God intervenes.

After hearing wonderful sermons on Evangelizing the World, Service to Others, Christian Service of various kinds, and most of all, Salvation, we see these crowds of people move from their place of worship, never looking once to the fellow in the pew beside them; no smile, no nod, no handshake, no word of greeting, cheer, comfort, and certainly no welcome. Yes, occasionally a few stop to chat and to shake hands; a few groups are seen here and there chatting, a few people shake hands with strangers, but the mass of people move out uninterrupted.

My question is this: "Are the churches going to alert themselves, and are we going to become prayerfully interested in our fellow-men? Will we win and keep our converts for Jesus Christ, and pray that we may help them? Or is all this service we hear about only a formality and a pretense, or is there a lack of vision and foresight?"

Because you of the *United Evangelical Action* have the position and the power to alert Christian leaders and laymen, I present the preceding observations to your attention. Jesus said, "The fields are white unto harvest."

MRS. C. A. SPRAGUE

Seattle, Wash.

"Gross Propaganda"

To the Editor:

Let me express my chagrin on reading William Ward Ayer's article re evolution in a recent issue (*Action*, November 1958). The reaction was not due to any mental disquietude resulting from what Ayer argued but rather was precipitated by disappointment that a voice of Evangelical Christianity should publish such misguided discussion. It would, I had thought, be assumed that on a subject historically so debated your magazine would be careful to enlighten rather than obfuscate. The scientist might want new analysis, the non-Evangelical a reasoned defence of a position often (but far from universally) associated with Evangelical thought, and the theologically conservative to and from whom you claim to write something enriching for his understanding of God's nature. None of these is at all apparently the purpose of Ayer's discourse.

Indeed I hesitate to call such gross propaganda discourse. A rapid scanning reveals over half of the logical fallacies discussed in any text on critical thinking—many of which are peculiar to special pleading or harangue. The author almost admits as much when he claims he got "scare headlines" at the time of the Scopes Trial. If that was the goal of his past articles his present one gives no evidence of having improved on this nadir. He is welcome to hold and argue for what he believes, but please, less evocation and more logic!

At a time when many scientists of conservative persuasion theologically are carefully analyzing the issues involved in organic evolutionary theories it is distressing to see arguments of a past generation introduced when one realizes they are either factually indefensible today, misguided in the light of modern philosophy of science and semantics, or not entirely typical of the best thought of their generation among those of similar biblical belief. Evolutionists would find conclusions drawn that often they would not allow to be valid or true from their position. And many Christian scientists are going to wonder (as do I) whether our careful and prayerful attempts at understanding, evaluation, and synthesis of the best in scientific method and hermeneutical analysis are to be degraded from a logical alternation to an assumed a priori disjunction.

Let me suggest that your readers peruse carefully Jan Lever's *Creation and Evolution* (now available from Kregel's, 525 Eastern Avenue, S. E. in Grand Rapids), the forthcoming centenary volume of the American Scientific Affiliation, or the next several issues of the *Gordon Review* (Beverly Farms, Mass.) before assuming a scientific theory (evolution) and a "philosophy of the pit" to be synonymous.

THOMAS H. LEITH

Danvers, Mass.

Dr. Young's Titles

To the Editor:

That was an excellent article in *Action* magazine on the Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies (November 1958). We only wish that some place along the line you had mentioned that Dr. G. Douglas Young is Dean of the Seminary at Trinity Seminary and Bible College in Chicago, the educational institution of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

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2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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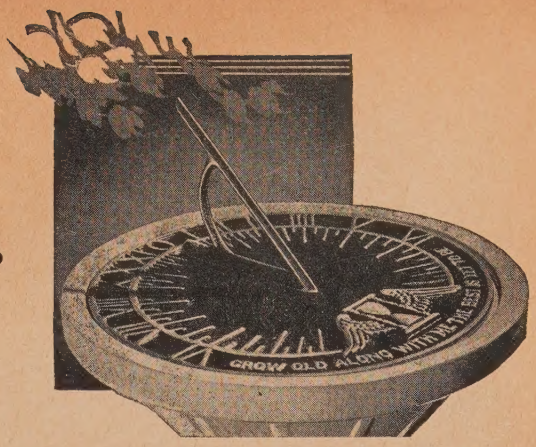
RELIGION IN REVIEW*

Evangelicals Look at 1958



By JAMES DEFOREST MURCH
Managing Editor, *Christianity Today*

THE MAJOR concern of the Protestant world in 1958 has been in the field of ecumenicity. Everywhere there is a sincere desire that the blessed fellowship Christians know in Christ Jesus should be a practical reality—one flock, one fold under one Lord, both spiritually and in daily practice. We deplore the humanisms, the perversities and the feverish ways in which useless divisions are promoted and maintained, keeping Christians apart and hindering the evangelization of the world.

Christian Unity

Millions of prayers have gone up in all parts of the world for a larger measure of Christian unity than now exists. Simultaneously there has been an enormous amount of ecclesiastical propaganda for the creation of "The Coming Great Church"—an institutional answer to the Church of Rome.

The World Council of Churches has strengthened its organization and program of service. With the Churches added during 1958 it now has 171 constituent members in 52 countries. Toward the close of the year significant conferences were held with the Moscow Patriarchate looking toward the acceptance of the Russian Orthodox Church into full membership. In the USA the National Council of Churches expanded its membership and took an increasing role in ecclesiastical and public affairs.

Partially under the pressures of the ecumenical machine but largely through the cooperation of local pastors and lay leaders several denominational family mergers moved toward consummation. The union of the Presbyterian Church in the USA and the United Presbyterian Church of North America resulted in formation of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA with a membership of over 3,000,000. The merger of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the American Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Church became a certainty with the constituting convention scheduled for 1960 in Minneapolis. The merger of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church moved down a thorny path to final realization. Three protesting fellowships have left the Congregational fold, including some of the largest churches of the denomination. The International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) expressed continued interest in joining the United Church of Christ. The Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Pilgrim Holiness Church agreed on terms of eventual union. The Evangelical United Brethren are in conversations with the Methodists; the Episcopalians are growing more friendly with the Methodists and the Presbyterians. Christian unity is high on the Protestant agenda in the USA.

Across the world the same pattern holds. In Lambeth Palace, London 300 Anglican bishops took united action bringing the Episcopal system into closer and more harmonious fellowship than it has enjoyed in 600 years. In a number of Asian lands considerable progress was made in uniting native churches and the activities of foreign mission boards into National Churches which are to become a part of the World Council of Churches.

Christian Missions

Christian missions faced the gravest crisis in modern history. For some years the ecumenical leaders of the world have been planning to replace "Christian missions" as practiced by the apostolic Church with a new world strategy called "the world mission of the Church." The objective of the new thrust will be the creation of a new social order embodying the ethical and spiritual principles of the Master Teacher. In Ghana, Africa the official representatives of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council agreed on a merger of the two organizations. The Churches involved are moving toward the reorganization of their foreign mission boards into "commissions on ecumenical world mission." The new United Presbyterian Church in the USA took action at its Pittsburgh meeting. The Disciples followed by significant votes at Saint Louis. All other WCC denominations will fall in line in due season. This means the early death of evangelistic missions in all these churches.

Brighter horizons loomed for evangelical Christian missions in the Protestant orbit outside the Councils. EFMA, IFMA and Independent boards together with such denominational boards as that of the Southern Baptist Convention now have the majority of foreign missionaries and native workers stationed throughout the world. More trained youth are volunteering for service than ever before in the history of missions. New areas never before reached with the Gospel have been entered, notably the new mission to the Auca Indians in the jungles of Ecuador. Millions of new money is being made available by missionary-minded evangelicals. Congregations like Peoples Church, Toronto and Park Street Church, Boston have missionary budgets in six figures annually.

Evangelism

Evangelistic gains in the USA during 1958 were spotty. Visitation evangelism became increasingly popular. In mass evangelism Billy Graham's campaigns in New York, San Francisco and Charlotte held major interest, with records broken in both attendance and souls saved. There was increased opposition from extreme liberals and extreme fundamentalists. The official support of councils of churches lagged and it became increasingly clear that support for Graham-type crusades will come from the "grass roots" of American Protestantism — Christ-honoring, Bible-believing, born-again Christians. World-wide revival did not break in 1958, but fervent prayer continued to rise in its behalf. An increasing number

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STATLER HILTON, LOS ANGELES

Beautiful Statler Hilton Hotel, where the seventeenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held April 6-10. Fronting on Wilshire Boulevard and flanked by Harbor Freeway, Figueroa and Seventh Streets, the Statler Hilton is conveniently located. It has ample accommodation for the mass assemblies, prayer meetings, business sessions, commission meetings (fifteen of them), exhibits and numerous other needs of NAE-affiliated agencies which will participate in this great convention.

of people have faith to believe that it will come when the church is ready.

Conservative Theology

The trend toward a more conservative and biblical theology continued. A survey of American Protestant ministers conducted by Opinion Research Corporation for *Christianity Today* showed that 39 per cent were "conservative," 32 per cent were fundamentalists," 12 per cent were neo-orthodox and only 14 per cent "liberal." Evangelical theologians strengthened their position through a restudy of Bible truth in the light of scientific discoveries and moved toward the elimination of traditional theological opinion which cannot be substantiated either by Scripture or scientific fact. An increasing company of substantial conservative scholars are expressing themselves in theological journals and in new volumes like *Revelation and the Bible* (Baker). Classical liberalism is dead. The ranks of neo-orthodoxy and neo-supernaturalism, reputable refuges for disillusioned liberals, continued to expand and to exert a wider influence on Protestant education and culture. Basic doubts concerning the inspiration and authority of the Holy Scriptures persist alongside commitment to the critical techniques of the old liberalism.

Christian Education

In Christian education there was encouraging growth in college enrollment, faculty development, buildings and equipment and financial undergirding. This is the day of the small Christian college. It is the answer to the overcrowding of state and municipal universities which tends to become a greater problem because of college-age population increases. The Christian Day School movement burgeoned beyond all previous annual records. This was due to two developments—the rise of secularism in the public schools and racial integration in the schools of the South. The Sunday School movement made amazing strides in the erection of adequate education buildings and the improvement of personnel and equipment for graded instruction. The rapid growth of the National Sunday School Association attests the convictions of pastors and local church leaders that the future effectiveness of the church depends on a new emphasis on teaching and training an intelligent, efficient and active church membership.

Church Membership

In 1958 church membership statistics continued to mount. Sixty-one per cent of the nation's estimated 170,500,000 people were reported to be members of churches and synagogues. Membership now stands at 104,189,778 for all faiths — 59,823,777 Protestants. Many of these people, however, have only a superficial religious faith. Moral losses in America during the year were tremendous. F.B.I. figures again showed staggering increases in crime and juvenile delinquency. Government investigations disclosed unprecedented dishonesty, corruption, fraud and villainy in public affairs. Racketeering in unions reached a new high. Alcoholism became an increasing problem in business and industry. Mental illness rose to alarming proportions. While the Congress strengthened laws dealing with commercialized obscenity, pandering to the prurient interests remained essentially uncurbed. Even churches reflect the moral sag in lowered standards of personal righteousness and an emasculated gospel of holiness.

The influence of the Church in public affairs underwent startling changes. The November elections presented a fascinating and fearful demonstration of the growing power of Roman Catholicism in government. State houses in three pivotal states—Ohio, Pennsylvania and California — were won by candidates of broad political skill who are Romanists, to say nothing of important seats in legislative halls. Political parties are now aware that they need the Roman Catholic vote added to the old blocs they control in order to win elections. The clever propaganda against so-called "Protestant bigotry and intolerance" has won the popular mind so that there is no longer any fear of Vatican control. On the brighter side there is a new Protestant interest in training youth for public life. The Methodists are matching Georgetown University's school for diplomats. The NAE is opening an annual Washington seminar for evangelical students who major in economics and government. Offices of public affairs are being maintained by several Protestant bodies in the nation's capital. Certain agencies are preparing to meet the possible challenge of a Romanist candidate for President two years hence.

Utopia

The modern world is still yearning for a Utopia but is gripped by a growing pessimism as to whether this generation will live to see it. Russia's educational and scientific achievements and Communism's encroachments on the traditional preserves of the West cause men to sense that they are living in a fool's paradise which momentarily could be reduced to atomic wasteland. Evangelicals need to evaluate their rich opportunities in these crucial times and boldly lay hold of the promises of God. Great things can be done in His strength. The situation calls for humility, self-searching, a restudy of God's Word, a more effective prayer life, all-out commitment to Christ and the presentation of the Gospel as the full and final answer to the problems of mankind.

ARE WE LOSING THE WAR AGAINST COMMUNISM?

By W. S. MOONEYHAM

IS AMERICA losing the war against Communism?

The average startled answer would be, "What war?"

And therein lies this story.

That America is indeed in a war with Communism—a war to the death—is a truth that is almost impossible for the average, good-salaried, well-fed, church-attending evangelical to grasp.

My own concept—and I count myself being average—was that Communism, while unquestionably a brutal enemy, was concentrated thousands of miles across the natural barriers of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Behind our natural and man-made defenses, my well-conditioned mind kept telling me, America is quite safe.

But my sense of well-being is gone. Oh, I must confess that all along I had *some* misgivings about our national security, but the final awakening which came last November at the All-American Conference to Combat Communism was both shocking and frightening. I was not prepared for it. I doubt that you will be either.

Two Clear Facts

Two facts were clearly stated at this conference. We are in a war with Communism. We are losing that war.

The war has not yet reached the military stage, but that is no guarantee that it will not. Until March 1955, America was reasonably safe from military conflict with Russia itself. The policy of the Soviet government up to that date had been that of "no first all-out attack."

At that time, at a secret meeting of the top Russian commanders in Moscow, it was announced that the former policy had been shelved. A Russian intelligence officer who was present and has since defected to the West said these officers were told, "In the atomic age, the victor will be he who attacks first. Since we must be the victor, we must attack first."

In an address to the conference which included the above story, J. Anthony Marcus, president of the Institute of Foreign Trade, said, "Our freedom is a constant threat to the Soviet system and so America must be destroyed."

This destruction, to the Communist mind, need not come about through military means if it can be accomplished in other ways. It is these "other ways" at which the Communists are particularly adept.

And it is in this realm that we are losing the war, according to the experts who addressed the conference. Francis J. McNamara, research analyst for the House Un-American Activities Committee, summed it up this way: "Political action, when used against an enemy, becomes a type of warfare. The Communists have highly developed this area of conflict and it is in this aspect that America is the weakest."

As a case in point Mr. McNamara cited the Middle East with a population of over 44 million and a Communist Party membership of 39,000. Yet, he said, the free world is in constant fear that the Middle East may come under Communist domination. It is not possible that this victory could be achieved by the military force of such a small group, but by political subversion the Communists have proven their ability to win against great odds. This is the real danger the free world faces. It comes very close home to us, for it threatens our security in America.

The Economic War

In the economic war, the odds are rapidly becoming more even. Of the 2.5 billion people in the world, one billion are in Soviet-dominated countries and have thus been lost to the Western market. "Russia is afraid of a shooting war for they remember the thousands of desertions in the last one, but they are winning the economic war," Mr. Marcus asserted, "and in this economic war we can be defeated definitely and decisively."

Through their use of slave labor and the consequent cheaper prices, Red China will have cut off our markets in South America in 20 years, according to Mr. Marcus. Relaxed trade with the Communist bloc is not the answer, he believes, since this is only an effort

DR. GEORGE L. FORD and MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK discuss world problems at the All-American Conference to Combat Communism held in Indianapolis, Ind. Madame Chiang, wife of the president of Free China, told a cheering crowd at a banquet given in her honor that "soon, very soon, the cries in China will reach their crescendo—then we of Free China will go to their succor."

to appease an unappeasable enemy.

On the diplomatic front, the free world has suffered numerous defeats. Diplomacy and negotiation are the special weapons of the Communists since they believe in using any means which can gain an end favorable to Communism. Thus they can brazenly promise and commit with no intention of fulfillment. This willingness to negotiate serves a two-fold purpose: to lull the deceived into complaceny and to get out of tough situations such as the one in Korea.

By negotiating in Korea they saved themselves from a defeat and paved the way for the Communist operation in Vietnam a few months later. The West won the military operation in Korea, but lost on the diplomatic front.

"How can an ambassador or a secretary of state negotiate with a government which has warned in advance, 'Don't believe a word we say!?" asked Preston J. Moore, national commander of the American Legion. "With no moral principles upon which to base negotiations, diplomacy is reduced to either propaganda or naked force."

Psychological Warfare

Psychological warfare, designed to crush the will of the free world, is another specialized tool of the Communists. "They are using throughout the world the same psychological methods they use when brainwashing an individual," Mr. McNamara said. The process is one of torture followed by good treatment, which cycle is repeated over and over again until the good treatment helps break a man as much as the torture.

On an international scale, this cycle is seen in operation through tension and crisis followed by a relaxing period which in turn is followed by another crisis. The vote in the United Nations on the issue of seating Red China, which has seen the U. S. position lose strength each session, is ample evidence that this global brainwashing is having a telling effect. It is the old idea of "take the easy way out," Mr. McNamara concluded.

The "easy way" for the Communist criminal conspiracy to gain control in America is through internal subversion on every level of society, according to Herbert Philbrick, former undercover agent for the FBI and author of the best-selling *I Led Three Lives*. Indeed, said Philbrick, "It is only a matter of time until this country becomes Communist unless we begin to throw some switches."

This opinion is concurred in by many of the experts and a prominent congressional investigator has set the time at ten years.

Front Organizations

The subversion that will produce a Communist state in America is not accomplished by swelling the ranks with card-carrying party members, but through enlisting thousands of well-meaning dupes into high-sounding Communist-front organizations such as American Youth for Democracy, Sweethearts of Servicemen, and scores of others.

How effective is this strategy? Eminently so, Philbrick says. The "Samuel Adams" school in Boston, fostered and nurtured by the Communist Party, was so popular that some of its classes had to have two sessions to accommodate the crowds. Under the rather innocuous-sounding name of People's Institute of Applied Religion, the "Reverend" Claude Williams directed a popular Communist-front organization in Birmingham, Alabama.

American Youth for Democracy, another Massachusetts organization, had hundreds of prominent young people and youth workers in its ranks even though its organizational plan was born at a Communist Party meeting. Included in this number were many Christian young people.

The Church

Some churches are fruitful fields for this type of propaganda since the Communists profess to be interested in the same things the church has preached for years; i.e., peace, social justice, equality. The trap here is in the different understanding which the two groups have of these words. In the party dictionary, "peace" means world conquest and "social justice" is synonymous with party control.

Bishop Quentin K. Y. Huang, a clergyman who served the church in Free China for many years, told the conference that he sees the same pattern developing in some of the churches in America that led the church in China to go under Communist control.

This pattern began with Communist Party members infiltrating the theological seminaries on the pretext of preparing for the holy orders. This carefully planned strategy was coordinated with planting "stooges" and sympathizers in the churches, hospitals and other related agencies. Thus when the capture was effected, it was complete.

Both Bishop Huang and Mr. Philbrick agreed that there are Communist Party members and fellow-travelers among the American clergy. When asked how any minister could reconcile Communism with Christianity, the bishop replied, "Some ministers become impatient in their efforts to establish the kingdom of God on earth and think they see an ally in the philosophy of Communism."

That there is a wide gap in the battle lines of Protestantism in America as it fights to stem the Communist tide is evident from representation at the highly-respected All-American Conference to Combat Communism. This annual conference has a membership of over 50 national civic, fraternal, religious, business and patriotic organizations representing 60 million Americans, but the National Association of Evangelicals and the International Society of Christian Endeavor are the only two Protestant organizations that belong.

The Answer

By now perhaps you are sharing my own concern and are asking, "What can I do?"

Face the facts, no matter how unpleasant. The Communists say this is a fight to the finish. Believe them! Khrushchev says, "We will bury you." He means it! Keep your head out of the sand and face the issue squarely.

Don't be complacent. John Noble, who vanished for nine years in a Russian slave camp, said, "We are drowning in a sea of complacency. Americans simply do not want to care." You are your brother's keeper, including the 28 million in slave labor camps behind the Iron Curtain.

Finally, agitate as a Christian for the righteous forces to take the initiative. We have been on the defensive. A personal acceptance of the gospel message by every man on earth is still the best deterrent to the spread of a godless atheism.

And a militant evangelicalism is the greatest bulwark of freedom, both personal and national, that we have in America.

REPORTS ON TAYLOR TOUR

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor's globe-circling tour in the interest of evangelical missions began early this month. Accompanied by Rev. Fred Ferris of the World Evangelical Fellowship, Dr. Taylor hopes to promote world-wide cooperative Christian effort and wider evangelical testimony. ACTION magazine expects from time to time to receive first-hand reports from Dr. Taylor and to keep its readers informed concerning progress of his mission. He will return in time to make a full report at the NAE Convention in Los Angeles April 6-10.

Religion and the Public Schools

By MARK FAKKEMA
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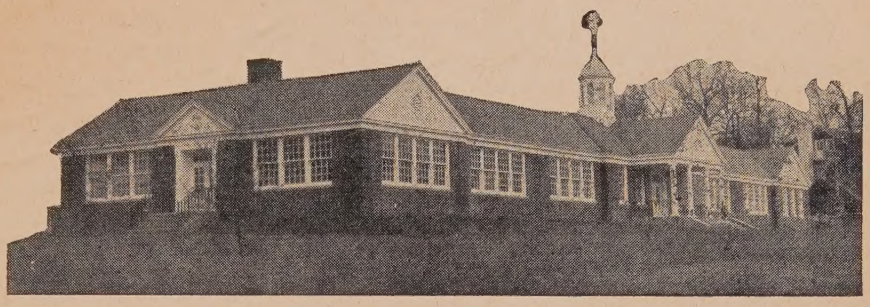

AS ONE raised in the public school, and as a former teacher in the public school, I—and many with me—am inclined to favor the public school against all on-comers. But for the best interests of all parties concerned, we must face the facts, and if the facts show that our present secularized state schools are a contributing factor toward the secularization of our nation, then all lovers of our Christian heritage may well consider what can be done.

The *state* is an institution designed to administer justice, and by legislation, promote common welfare. The *church* is a spiritual commonwealth. Its field is that of preaching the Gospel, administering the Sacraments and moral discipline. The *home* (parents) must concern itself with the program of education. Those who have brought forth children must bring up children. This is according to the law of Moses (Deut. 6:6, 7) and according to the New Testament (Eph. 6:4). It should be noted that the law of Moses does not assign the task of teaching children to the "elders who sat in the gate" (the state). Nor did it assign this task to the priests (the church).

On the basis of Scripture, we hold that parents should educate children. If they do not do so it becomes a concern of the church, and if neither home nor church assumes this obligation, it becomes the duty of the state in the interest of common welfare.

Let me begin by calling attention to a fact of far-reaching consequence: The public school has been deprived of its erstwhile religious character by the late Supreme Court decisions. This burns the most effective. bridge over which our Christian heritage must pass from generation to generation. By burning this bridge, we tend to undermine every future bridge that may still remain—I refer to the church and home.

True to American tradition, we hold that no Government on any level may prohibit the free exercise of religion and its teaching. Such is our freedom of conscience and religion. We believe that all of life must be religious, and especially that phase of life which we call the "preparation for life." Accordingly, the secular character of the state school, which has now been made mandatory by the Supreme Court, does not aid parents in spiritual preparation of their children. A secular preparation for life, in the nature of the case, cannot prepare the pupil to live a religious life. This plain fact has been obscured by many religious leaders today. Former divines were more discerning regarding the dangers that beset the introduction of a non-religious educational system.

Dr. A. A. Hodge of Princeton fame made this statement when the introduction of the public school was being considered: "I am as sure as I am of the fact of Christ's reign that a comprehensive and centralized system of national education, separated from religion, as is now commonly proposed, will prove the most appalling enginery for the propagation of anti-Christian and atheistic unbelief, and of anti-social nihilistic ethics, individual, social, and political, which this sin-rent world has ever seen . . .

"It is capable of exact demonstration that if every party in the state has the right of excluding from the public schools whatever he does not believe to be true, then he that believes most must give way to him that believes least, and then he that believes least must give way to him that believes absolutely nothing, no matter in how small a minority the atheists or the agnostics may be. It is self-evident that on this scheme, if it is consistently and persistently carried out in all parts of the country, the United States' system of national popular education will be the most efficient and wide instrument for the propagation of atheism which the world has ever seen" (A. A. Hodge: "Popular Lectures on Theological Themes," pp. 281, 283).

This outstanding religious leader saw prophetically what many people do not see today when this prophecy has actually been fulfilled. In this day we have become discrimination conscious. We, however, are discriminating against ourselves as Christians in our secular education program. This may be shown in various ways:

(1) There are two groups of parents in every sizable school: Believers who are convinced of the value of teaching religion in the classroom, and others who see no value in the teaching of religion. The state school, by Supreme Court ruling, must needs discriminate against the former to the advantage of the latter.

(2) No unbelieving teacher is required against his conscience to engage in any act of worship. But a believing teacher, who religiously feels the need of beginning the day with worship, cannot do what his conscience tells him he should do. Again we discriminate against the believing party.

(3) On the one hand, a non-religious group is not required to contribute to a public educational institution that teaches religion to its children. On the other hand, the religious group is not only required to contribute to the educational institution financially, but in sending his children there he must expose them to non-religious instruction. Again the religious group is discriminated against.

(4) As a point in favor of the secular school, it has been said that the children of the non-religious group are not compelled to be exposed to the using of religious rituals or symbols in the schools. But this advantage of the non-religious is to the disadvantage

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Action Editorial

A Program of Power Politics

▪ THE RECENT WORLD ORDER conference in Cleveland under the auspices of the National Council of Churches was one of the most significant gatherings in the history of American Protestantism.

It not only called for the recognition of Red China and the admission of that godless Communist power into membership in the United Nations, but it served notice on American Protestants that the NCC is about to embark on an amazing program of power politics. In alliance with the World Council of Churches and the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs it intends to press for world peace during 1959-60 in a propaganda campaign backed by $35,000,000 of good money that might well have been expended for Christian missions.

This staggering development is the fruition of the social gospel concepts which liberals have been promoting for two generations. When Dr. Liston Pope, speaking in the 1944 convention of the International Council of Religious Education, declared that the church must become a political power bloc if it was to survive, few took his pronouncement seriously. Despite the lukewarm reception such doctrine has received through the years its advocates have never failed to propagate it and to engage in the ecclesiastical strategy necessary to implement it. Now the Cleveland Conference has voted to "bring in the kingdom" with a vengeance.

It will be pointed out that the Conference was convened by the Division of Christian Life and Work and its Department of International Affairs of the NCC and that it speaks only for itself. Alibis will flow freely to quiet sincere objectors, and there will be much public hand washing because Cleveland's findings must go to the General Board for "further consideration." But none of this extenuation can explain away the fact that the NCC has deliberately harbored and coddled this social action program and is responsible for its continued propaganda in the churches. In fact, the behind-the-scenes planning covering all the actions of the Cleveland conference and their alternate implementation has been going on for some time under tacit Council approval.

The theme of the Cleveland conference was, "Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet." Translated into specific terms it means a new political program for the churches in the field of foreign affairs. In a strongly-worded "Message to the Churches," sugarcoated with theological terminology, the 600 churchmen who posed as "specialists in international relations" urged the churches to become pressure groups for (1) the suspension of nuclear testing, (2) disarmament by multilateral agreement, (3) recognition by the USA of Red China, (4) the admission of Red China into the United Nations, (5) the abandonment of the cold war with the Communist Internationale, (6) a program of cooperation with Communist states going beyond mere coexistence and (7) "more liberal and imaginative economic aid to peoples in other countries."

On the domestic front the Cleveland conferees took leftist socio-political ground. There was, however, nothing unusual about this as the same leadership has, from Federal Council days, been advocating frankly socialistic doctrines. It urged the churches to work aggressively for racial integration in schools, housing, public services and economic opportunities. It approved the use of force by the government to achieve immediate integration. It urged the churches "to reach an agreed Christian basis of action with respect to population control and family life" (birth control). In its economic pronouncements the group might well have been a conference of Americans for Democratic Action.

It would be impossible in the limited space available to deal adequately with this amazing "Message to the Churches." Possibly at some later time we may deal with the underlying principles involved. We rejoice that the National Association of Evangelicals, always on the alert to give voice to the views of the millions of conservative American Protestants, spoke out vigorously opposing the action on Red China. We would add this word on that particular issue:

The Cleveland conference had a strange blind spot in its thinking when it came to such facts as these: (1) The unprecedented blood purge which made the Chinese Communist Party the oppressor of 600,000,000 people. (2) The Party's still-unsettled war with the United Nations over Korea. (3) Its rape of Korea and Indo-China. (4) Its subversive activities in the Philippines, Malaya and other Far Eastern lands. (5) Its hostility to Christian missions and all religion which cannot be controlled by the state. (6) Its violation of the persons of American citizens in defiance of the elementary code of international decency. Have these socio-political liberal leaders in the NCC become so latitudinarian in their philosophy that they have no sense of righteousness and justice?

Let us consider for a moment what some of the consequences of the recognition of Red China would be: (1) The liberty-loving Chinese of the mainland would feel that their hopes for future freedom were lost. (2) The millions of Chinese in America and other lands would feel that their hopes for a free China were futile. (3) The death knell of the Republic of China in Formosa would be sounded. (4) The free Asian governments of the Pacific and Southeast Asia would realize that they no longer had any protection against Communist infiltration and eventual control. (5) Christian missions in the Orient would eventually find every door of opportunity closed to the preaching of the unadulterated Gospel of Christ and the conversion of the lost.

Furthermore, should Red China become a member of the United Nations it would be entitled to a permanent seat and veto power in the Security Council. Should a regime which has promoted five foreign or civil wars, has itself fought the United Nations and has defied the United Nations' decision to reunify the Korean people be depended upon to "maintain international peace and security"? In fact, just the opposite would be true. Red Russia also with veto power, already limits the ability of the UN to serve its intended purposes. Permit Red China to become a permanent, veto-wielding power in the Security Council and you would implant within the UN the seeds of its own destruction. Not only so, but the balance of world power would inevitably swing to the Communist Internationale.

Do these American gentlemen of light and leading who gathered at Cleveland want to deliver the West into the hands of the antichrist? Undoubtedly they would deny any

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Religion and Schools

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of the religious group. What we sow we reap. Give our children a non-religious preparation for life, and to that extent they will become non-religious. If this is not so, preparation is not preparation.

(5) True religious beliefs brought by children from the home may not in the public school be redirected in other channels of faith. But the children from religious homes are not strengthened in their home religion when the school is forbidden to teach religion. Such silence of religious teaching tends to stunt, if not contradict the religious development of the children from Christian homes. Again the non-religious character of the public school is to the disadvantage of the Christian home and to the advantage of a non-Christian way of life. Bear in mind that if we do not strengthen a faith that needs undergirding—we are weakening it.

Each of the above points has been advanced as favoring the non-religious public school. In each case the non-religious element in our nation is fostered, and the religious forces are undermined.

In the Christian Day School movement, we do not favor denominational, that is, parochial day schools, if such schools are designed for denominational needs. Such denominational instruction is the responsibility of each denomination and should be conducted on a Sunday School or Evening School basis by the officials of that denomination. We must clearly distinguish between schools which are designed to prepare membership for a local church (or its denomination) and the school designed to prepare pupils for life in general.

All of life must honor God, and all evangelical life must honor God in and through our crucified, risen Lord. However, the education of evangelicals—and surely the education of liberal churches—need not divide along denominational lines in an educational program that prepares pupils for life in general. Preparation for life in general concerns itself traditionally with the 3 R's. There is no such thing as Methodist Reading, Presbyterian 'Riting or Reformed 'Rithmetic.

During the past thirty years, evangelical Christian day schools have been established on a common religious basis. True, the Bible is taught in these evangelical schools, but it is taught as true history, and not along doctrinal lines. And if the pupil raises a point on which the pupil body is religiously divided, the teacher requests the pupil to seek the answer to such a question from his pastor or parents.

Speaking of the infiltration of denominational doctrines in private schools, it should be admitted that the seriousness of such a danger is not to be compared with the danger of infiltration of totalitarian doctrines in a state school system, for in the case of private school, the control of any and all infiltration is in the hands of the local parents. Whereas the control of infiltration in state schools lies largely in persons other than the parents whose children are exposed to subversion.

It has been said, "Researchers report evidences that parents who send their children to public schools give *more* support to public schools than parents who send their children elsewhere." It calls for no research to show that parents who send their children to public schools give *less* support to private schools than parents who send their children to the private schools and who also pay taxes for the public schools.

"Forward Together"

The theme of the 1959 NAE Convention promises effort toward both progress and unity during the coming year. The gathering will be held April 6-10 at Hotel Statler Hilton, Los Angeles, California.

Addresses by outstanding evangelicals, fifteen commission meetings and a great prayer fellowship hour are highlights of the convention.

Plan NOW to attend!

The truth is that parents who send their children to private schools reduce the taxes for those who send their children to public schools. This is a financial support that should not be overlooked. It is a mistake to consider the public school the American school, and the private school un-American. Both institutions are American. They enjoy equal rights before the law. In fact, historically speaking, the private schools can more truly claim to be American.

It is a fact that according to the present reading of the law, the public school cannot teach the existence of God. But there is no law that states that teachers may not deny the existence of God. This situation favors infidelity. By not teaching the existence of God in textbooks and by public school teachers, we are really denying the existence of God all day long. The Bible teaches that those who are not *for* Christ are *against* Him.

As matters now stand, we have not only erased the God-concept from classroom teaching, but also from the pages of our textbooks. We now are virtually denying the existence of God in the classroom. Such an educational program by implication is not only teaching the oncoming generation that there is no God, but it in fact is daily breaking down what the church is trying to build up. More than that, in spite of all intent and purposes to the contrary, such an educational program presented in this generation is undermining the religion of the next generation in both home and church.

We have substituted the teaching *about* religion for the teaching *of* religion. We are pinning our hopes on the fact that the public schools "deal with religion as it may come up naturally in the subject matter of the regular school subjects," but we forget that the subject matter of the present day public school has been stripped of its religious content. Our freedom *of* religion has become a freedom *from* religion.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that our so called "common school" cannot embrace both believers and unbelievers. Our common school should be divided into common evangelical schools, plus the common public schools of today. (Of course, privileges must be granted to parochial schools where such are desired.) To include the religious with the non-religious is invariably to the advantage of non-religious, and to the disadvantage of the religious in a state school which must needs be non-religious. The competition between these two common schools would be a stimulation to both.

ANOTHER YEAR

Another year has now been born,
The Old has died, the New is here,
We turn away from all the past,
And face the future without fear.

Another year—Oh may it be
A year unsullied, Lord, by sin?
The past we cannot alter now,
But we the future still can win.

Another year to work and pray,
To lead lost souls, dear Lord, to Thee;
Forgive us for our past mistakes,
And make us all we long to be.

Another year to send the Light
To those who have not heard Thy Name;
A year to welcome gain or loss,
And humbly all Thy blessings claim.

—Oswald J. Smith

Meeting Obscenity Problems

The Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications was told the secret of success of state organizations to combat obscenity at its annual meeting which met in Washington, December 11. The points which make for success were outlined by Charles H. Keating, Jr., Chairman of the Citizens for Descent Literature, Cincinnati, Ohio. They included: adequate legal counsel, cooperation among local organizations within the state, and cooperation with public enforcement officials.

Rev. Ralph Cannon, chairman of the research committee for the group, brought members up to date on trends in the enforcement of laws against obscenity. A panel tackled the question of "censorship"—what it is and what it is not. Others who participated in the program were: Leo Knoll, Deputy General Counsel of the Post Office Department; Glenn Everett, correspondent for Religious News Service; and Dr. Caradine Hooton of the Methodist Board of Temperance.

Commandment Issue

On December 11, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Secretary of Public Affairs, sent a second message to the Navy Department objecting to the omission of the Second Commandment in the series of posters being used by the Navy to highlight the Ten Commandments. This latest communication showed why neither of the reasons advanced by Navy officials could be accepted as sufficient grounds for adopting the Roman Catholic listing of the Commandments.

The Navy had appealed to two authorities in substantiating their adoption of the listing of the Commandments used by the Catholic Church. They were St. Augustine and Papyrus Nash. Dr. Taylor said that an examination of the Nash Papyrus, one of the best authorities on the text of the Old Testament before Christ, revealed that the Second Commandment is not omitted. Thus it can be used equally in supporting the Protestant-Jewish listing of the Commandments.

In addition, Taylor pointed out that Augustine included the Second Commandment as a part of the First, and that the Second is omitted only in abbreviated versions such as that adopted by the Navy. Therefore, he said, even the authority of Augustine fails to support the Navy version.

In his message to the Navy Taylor noted that "Question may be raised as to the reason for our concern over the omission of this particular commandment. It is our view that the first commandment prohibits any concept of deities other than the Almighty, Jehovah. 'I am the Lord thy God . . . thou shalt have no other Gods before me.' The second commandment deals with the approach of man to Deity and prohibits the use of idols, images, or other such external symbols, either as objects of worship or as means of approach to God. Christ supported the substance of this commandment in His discourse with the woman at the well, when He said, 'The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and

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in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.' (John 4:23, 24). Preoccupation with religious externals should be guarded against by true Christians everywhere. Inclusion of the second commandment in the poster series could serve to highlight the essence of true worship."

He went on to show why the tenth commandment cannot be divided in two parts. "Regarding the tenth commandment, the 17th verse of Exodus 20 reads: 'Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.' It seems to us that the division of this portion into two sections is arbitrary, and hardly logical. The emphasis is on the prohibition of covetousness as a human motive, not on two particular categories of covetousness.

"As we noted in our earlier correspondence, quotation of the Apocrypha on a par with Scripture (although we note that quotation if the New Testament has been avoided) also makes the poster series appear sectarian.

"We assume that it is Navy policy to avoid sectarian partialities. We hope that this is to be a continuing policy. However, the facts in this case indicate the impossibility of adhering to such a policy without making an amendment to the current poster series. We are still hoping that you will give such action your serious consideration."

Pope Gets President's Regards

President Eisenhower sent his "warm personal regards" to the Pope via Rome's Apostolic Delegate to the United States, who left this country after holding that post for nearly twenty-six years. Upon arriving in Rome Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani was to be made a Cardinal, along with Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston and John F. O'Hara of Philadelphia, and twenty others.

Cicognani had a brief visit with the President before his departure. He told newsmen in the White House that he had thanked the President for the many kindnesses of the American people during his years in this country. He said that in turn the President had asked that the Archbishop carry his best regards to Pope John XXIII.

The Fire Behind the Smoke

When the question of recognizing Red China broke into the open again, through the action of the World Order Study Conference sponsored by the National Council of Churches, the volume of smoke and sparks which erupted from the subject indicated something of the heat of conflicting opinions which lay under the surface. But most Protestants had little opportunity to see the real issue. Some even wondered why the churches should enter a field which is usually reserved for the experts in diplomacy.

One clear and simple fact to be put forward is that evangelicals do not want the tragic fate of the Chinese mainland to be extended to other sections of the Far East. Within Red China, Christians have not only suffered, but their church organizations have been subverted, with the result that such organizations are now being used as tools in the hands of the Communist dictators. This is bad enough. But the declared aim of the Communist regime in Red China is to extend its control over other areas of the Far East—areas where evangelical missions are now being blessed with an encouraging response to the Gospel message.

But how does Communist China expect to make such gains? According to a memorandum issued by the State Department, U. S. recognition of Red China would so undermine the confidence of governments in the Far East that it would be "disastrous to the cause of the free world."

"Some governments," the memorandum declared, "would interpret such action as abandonment of their cause by the United States . . and some would conclude that their wisest course would be speedily to seek the best terms obtainable from Peiping." If this is true it is not hard to see why Communist China has been exerting every possible pressure toward recognition, and toward obtaining a seat in the United Nations.

Meanwhile, Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, warns that the Communists have not deflected from their goal of world domination, and they will use both subversion and economic competition to that end. Red China wants to bolster its economy with more trade with the West, and particularly with the United States. Recognition by the United States would pave the way for such trade.

With these facts in mind one ponders again the content of the message issuing from the World Order Study Conference, which went so far as to state that denial of recognition "helps to preserve a false image of the United States and of other nations in the minds of the Chinese people."

It is not difficult to find men in Washington—men whose business is our national security—who are fully convinced that statements of this nature are calculated to twist public thinking and thus to bring pressures to bear on our government to accede to the demands of Red China, not with a view to our aims in the Far East but with a view to internal political pressures.

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NAE LEADERS PLAN 1959 ANNUAL CONVENTION

On a West Coast tour, NAE's top executives discuss with western leaders plans for the coming NAE Convention April 6-10 at Hotel Statler, Los Angeles. *Left to right:* Dr. Robert N. Schaper, chairman Southwest NAE Regional Board; Dr. Walter L. Penner, regional director; Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, NAE president, and Dr. George L. Ford, NAE executive director.

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NAE Executives Oppose Stand of NCC on Red China

WHEATON, Ill.—The National Association of Evangelicals has officially protested the vote taken by the World Order Study Conference (sponsored by the National Council of Churches in the USA) in favor of United States recognition of Communist China and its admission to the United Nations. Under dateline, "Cleveland, Ohio, November 21," a special release to the *New York Times* said that the vote was taken at the end of the four-day World Order Study Conference by "leaders of American Protestantism" who "voted unanimously" in favor of American recognition of Red China.

In an emergency session of the NAE Executive Committee here, reports Dr. George L. Ford, executive director, an official pronouncement was issued by Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, president of the Association, which said in part: "The National Association of Evangelicals in Executive Committee notes with grave concern a statement of the World Order Study Conference of the National Council of Christian Churches in the United States of America, advocating recognition of Red China by the United States of America. We are convinced that such a statement does not represent the true sentiment of masses of members of American churches, either in the National Council of Churches of Christ or in the larger segments of Protestantism not affiliated with the National Council. Nor does it speak at all for members of the churches affiliated with the National Asociation of Evangelicals. Further we are baffled to observe left-wing cliches, and the typical Communistic 'soft approach' urging pressure on our government, falsely in the name of Christian fellowship." Continuing, the statement pointed out the dangers of such a move as proposed by the Study Conference and concluded with the challenge: "As Christians, we dare not compromise! As Americans, Red China must not be recognized!"

The NAE Committee in executive session recalled that the Association had passed a resolution on this vital problem at its annual convention April 1-4, 1957 in Buffalo, N. Y. The statement pointed out that "the Government of Red China is controlled by an anti-Christian ideology, has promulgated a false church, loyal to the Communist ideology and in opposition to the true church of our Lord Jesus Christ, has betrayed humanity by the murder of more than twenty million of their own people and liquidated other millions in slave labor camps," and closed with the resolution that "the NAE express its unalterable opposition to our Government's recognition in any way for such a regime, as it would be unquestionably immoral and unchristian so to do."

Dr. Ford, in reporting the sentiment of the executive committee, said that the members were unanimously in favor of reiterating the position taken in the Buffalo resolutoin and that they wished to go on record as strongly opposing the action of the World Order Study Conference at its Cleveland meeting. NAE's executive director further stated that "NAE leaders are convinced that millions of American Protestants will repudiate the position taken by the WOSC." He urged that ministers, church leaders and all loyal American Christians voice their own protests by writing to the U. S. State Department to make their position on this important question unmistakably clear.

Graham Chicago Crusade Planned by Midwest Region

CHICAGO—Preliminary plans for the 1961 Billy Graham Chicago Crusade occupied an important part of the recent annual convention of the NAE Midwest Region in Judson Baptist Church, Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Herbert J. Taylor, chairman of a temporary laymen's committee, and chairman of the board of Club Aluminum, said that present plans for the evangelist's visit call for church laymen, instead of ministers, "to carry the ball." "We are approaching this campaign on an entirely new basis," Mr. Taylor said. "It is unique in the history of the Graham Crusades." Evangelist Graham is holding June, July and August 1961 open as tentative dates for the crusade, the temporary chairman announced.

Reporting on the operational format for the Chicago Crusade, Mr. Taylor said that the temporary executive committee of twelve laymen (of which he is chairman) will select 250 members of a Laymen's Crusade Committee at a luncheon meeting in March or April 1959, plus a ministerial advisory committee headed by Dr. Elmer Palmer, Dr. A. Hinz and Dr. Alan Redpath. An invitational breakfast is being set

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up for November 30 in Chicago. All pastors in the Chicago area (including neighboring states) will be invited to participate in the campaign. Both the Midwest Region Convention and Dr. Graham have approved the proceedings thus far formulated, said Dr. Charles Joseph Anderson, director of the NAE Midwest Region.

Regional Board officers elected at the convention are: President, Dr. Louis Rawls, pastor Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago (the first Negro to hold an office of this nature); vice-president, Rev. Harold J. Devries, pastor Winnetka (Ill.) Bible Church; secretary, Rev. Gordon Bacon, pastor Beulah United Missionary Church, Elkhart, Ind., and treasurer, Dr. Fred P. Thompson, Jr., pastor Englewood Christian Church, Chicago. Elected or re-elected to the regional board are: Mrs. Merrill C. Tenney, Wheaton, Ill.; Dr. Bruce Dunn, Peoria, Ill.; Rev. Frank Smith, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. Sam McDill, Chicago, and Rev. Gordon Bacon, Elkhart, Ind.

Radio-TV

TEAM Operates New Radio Station

CHICAGO—The new missionary radio station operated by TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) on the Island of Aruba in the Netherlands Antilles began broadcasting recently. The broadcasts were initiated with a dedication service in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor, community leaders, representatives of the press, more than 500 members of the Christian community and their friends.

Participating in the dedication service were Dr. David H. Johnson, general director of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, and Mr. Carl A. Gundersen, chairman of the Board of Directors.

This new radio voice, known as Station Victoria, PJA-6, initiated a daily broadcast schedule of five hours, with six and one-half hours on Sunday, on the 325 meter band, 920 k.c., and with a power of 500 watts. The transmitter is designed with power enough to reach the entire circle of islands in the Caribbean and the northern coast of South America. Programming is through the medium of four languages: Papiamento, Spanish, Dutch, and English.

Lutherans to Appear On CBS "Church of Air"

NEW YORK—(NLC)—Seven Lutheran churchmen are scheduled to appear on the Columbia Broadcasting System's nationwide radio series "Church of the Air" during its 1958-59 season.

Miss Betty Barth, secretary of the Department of Radio and Television in the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council, announced here that the following Lutheran programs have been arranged for next year: Feb. 15 at 10:30 p.m. (EST)—Dr. J. C. Kjaer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church in Seattle, Wash., a congregation of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church; March 22 at

NEW MIDWEST AREA PRESIDENT

Dr. Louis Rawls, newly-elected president of the NAE Midwest Regional Board, is congratulated by Dr. Charles Joseph Anderson, executive director of the region. (See "United Action" page 11.)

10:30 p.m. (EST)—Dr. Charles M. Cooper, president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania of the United Lutheran Church in America; April 5 at 10:30 (EST)—Dr. Morris Wee, pastor of Bethel Lutheran church in Madison, Wis., a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; May 31 at 10:30 p.m. (EDT)—Rev. Merton L. Lundquist, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran church in Austin, Texas, a congregation of the Augustana Lutheran Church; June 21 at 9:30 a.m. (EDT)—Rev. Arthur C. Nitz, president of the California-Nevada District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m. (EDT)—Rev. Martin L. Koehneke, president of Concordia College in River Forest, Ill., a school of the Missouri Synod.

Dr. Edmund Steimle, a member of the faculty of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, was the first Lutheran speaker on the program, appearing October 12.

Gospel Radio Programs Extend Their Coverage

WHEATON, Ill.—"Decision," the Billy Graham radio program which is now being produced in Spanish, will be broadcast weekly over some twenty Latin American stations starting the first Sunday in January. The Spanish edition will be produced by station "Faro del Caribe" of the Latin America Mission.

A five-minute daily gospel broadcast known as "Christian Meditations" has begun broadcasting on a chain of nine commercial stations covering Argentina and reaching the adjoining countries.

The Pacific Broadcasting Association in Tokyo is producing tapes of 15-minute and 30-minute gospel programs which are made available to missions who desire to sponsor them over a local station. The programs have a combined coverage of 51 of Japan's 88 radio stations. Rev. Akira Hatori is the speaker on the program.

The Evangelical Radio Fellowship of India is working to organize the various member missions for production of programs to fill a six-hour time block which has been offered by the Far East Broadcasting Company. The programs will be in four languages.

NRB Annual Convention Meets in Mayflower Hotel

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Freedom of Faith for the Future" will be the theme for the annual convention of National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., in Mayflower Hotel here, January 21 and 22. Speakers well known in the radio world will be Mr. Harold Fellows, president of the National Association of Broadcasters; Mr. John Charles Doerfer, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and Dr. William J. Millard of the Millard Research Association, New York City.

Many helpful suggestions will be available to broadcasters who feature religious programs—both at home and abroad, to operators of Christian radio stations and to many other persons who are interested in preserving the rights of evangelicals to use the airwaves in spreading the Gospel.

President of National Religious Broadcasters is Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, director of The Lutheran Hour, St. Louis, Mo.

Press

EPA Editors Meet In Annual Conclave

LOS ANGELES—Evangelical Press Association will hold its eleventh annual convention January 27 and 28 at the Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, according to announcement here from the office of Mr. Larry Ward, EPA executive secretary. Editors, writers, photographers, publishers and others engaged in evangelical publication work will be present.

Speakers for the morning devotional periods are Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor of Moody Memorial Church and Dr. William Culbertson, president of

The Mayor of Los Angeles will present greetings to the NAE Convention on opening night, April 6, in the Statler Hilton.

Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Miss Eugenia Price, well-known evangelical author, will speak at the dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, and Dr. William J. Schnell, author of "Thirty Years a Watch Tower Slave," at the annual banquet on Wednesday evening. There will be a special session on Wednesday with Larry Ward and Roy Wolfe of World Vision and Ken Taylor of *Moody Monthly* (all three of whom have recently returned from world tours) participating in a world report on Christian literature. Tuesday's session will include a demonstration on the use of offset equipment by the Davidson Corporation of Brooklyn, New York.

Officers who have conducted affairs of the Evangelical Press Association during the past year are: President, Rev. Mel Larson of *The Evangelical Beacon*, Minneapolis, Minn.; vice-president, Mr. Joe Bayly, of *His* Magazine, Chicago; secretary, Mrs. Marian Injerd of *The Sower*, Chicago; treasurer, Rev. Ralph W. Harris of *Live*, Springfield, Mo.; advisers, Dr. Carl F. H. Henry of *Christianity Today*, Washington, D. C., and Mr. Russell T. Hitt

of *Eternity* Magazine, Philadelphia, Pa., and executive secretary, Mr. Larry Ward of *World Vision,* Los Angeles. Rev. David Enlow of *Contact,* Chicago, is chairman of the 1959 EPA program committee.

Hundreth Anniversary Observed by "S. S. Times"

PHILADELPHIA—A special Centenary Number of *Sunday School Times* is being issued this month, commemorating one hundred years of continuous publication of this weekly Sunday School periodical.

A specially prepared article for this issue outlines the principal events in the paper's past and announces some of the new features planned for the future. Although *Sunday School Times* began and still is, peculiarly a Sunday School periodical, it touches almost every phase of Christian work and Bible study. The Centenary Number is printed on special paper and is expected to reach a circulation of 72,000 copies, according to the editors, who indicate also that specimen copies may be had for the asking by sending a request to: The Sunday School Times Company, 325 North Thirteenth St., Philadelphia 5.

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Evolution Essay Contest Announced

WHEATON, Ill.—(EP)—America's Christian teen-agers will have an opportunity to express themselves during the "Darwinian Year" by means of an "evolution essay contest" sponsored by Youth for Christ International, according to Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of the organization.

Contestants will be asked to write essays on given topics related to the subject of evolution, and will be expected to defend the creationist point of view. The contest will run from January 1 to May 31, and the essays will be judged by a committee composed of a YFCI staff member, a Christian biologist, and a Christian high school teacher.

Prizes totaling $500 have been made available through *Christian Victory* magazine and its editor Fred J. Meldau, with whom YFCI is cooperating in this contest. Meldau is the author of a new book refuting the evolutionary theory. The winning essays will be published in successive issues of *Youth for Christ Magazine* and then in book form.

Youth for Christ International is scheduling a Mexican Youth Congress for August 2-9, 1959, in Mexico City. Rev. Sam Wolgemuth, Overseas Director of YFCI, and Rev. Robert Collitt, Deputation Director, attended a planning meeting in Mexico City which was termed the largest representation of Protestant organizations ever assembled in Mexico. Over 95 per cent of the evangelical Christians will cooperate in the Congress, Wolgemuth stated. The Congress is expected to draw over 1,000 teen-age delegates from Mexico, plus an equal number from the United States and other nations of the world. Sixty-five simultaneous youth crusades will be held during the Congress in various sections of Mexico City, and delegates will conduct 100 post-Congress meetings in different parts of Mexico.

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1959 Record Expenditure Approved for Bible Society

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A record total expenditure of $5,151,000 for the work of the American Bible Society in 1959 was adopted by the group's Advisory Council at its fortieth annual meeting here. This represents an increase of $482,000 over the total spent last year.

Charles W. Bass, the society's treasurer, explained that of the total, $3,885,000 will come from contributions made during the year by cooperating churches and groups, and the remaining $1,266,000 from the sales of Scriptures in this country.

ABS leaders say that an average of 13,493,462 Scriptures in more than 270 languages were distributed annually during the last five years in this country and overseas by the Society.

This was disclosed in a report presented at the fortieth annual meeting here of the society's Advisory Council.

Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel will give Presidential Address on April 6 at NAE's seventeenth annual convention, Los Angeles.

It also declared that to meet the growing demand for Bibles, the society keeps in stock about 10,000,000 volumes of 1,453 different Scripture portions in 210 languages. Of this total the whole Bible is available in 81 languages, New Testaments in 103, and Scripture portions in 154.

A report on the society's work in Latin America showed that 3,374,899 Scripture portions were distributed in that area last year. This was about half of the 7,163,716 total distributed outside the United States.

Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, secretary for distribution in Asia, Africa and the Pacific, pointed out that of the some 375,000,000 people in India and Ceylon nearly 25 per cent are "supposed to be literate." Furthermore, he said, compulsory primary education will become effective in India by January, 1960.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance, who recently returned from a world tour, said that during his trip he came to realize that if India and other parts of Asia are to be Christianized "it is imperative that we place Scriptures in the hands of the Asians."

denominations

Assemblies Establish Youth Camp Commission

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Seven persons have been named to a National Youth Camp Commission recently established by the Assemblies of God, Rev. Ralph M. Riggs, general superintendent of the denomination, has announced. Serv-

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● REV. W. S. MOONEYHAM, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, has accepted appointment as editor of *United Evangelical Action* magazine. He begins his duties January 1 on an interim basis. For the present he will continue his responsibilities with his denomination.

● PRESIDENT EISENHOWER plans to participate in the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast sponsored by International Christian Leadership, according to Dr. Abraham Vereide, executive director. To conform to the President's schedule, the event will take place Thursday, March 12, and the Annual ICL Conference will be held March 11-14 instead of the February dates previously announced (see *Action* December 1958.)

● THE BILLY GRAHAM Evangelistic Association, during its recent annual business meeting in Wheaton, Ill., announced its full list of board members, as follows: Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton, College; Charles Pitts, Toronto, Canada, contractor; E. O. Spencer, Jackson, Miss., oilman and hotel owner; Robert Van Kampen, Wheaton publisher; Dr. R. C. Sherer, Bozeman, Mont., physician; Carloss Morris, Houston, Texas, attorney; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Asheville, N. C., surgeon and Mr. Graham's father-in-law, William Jones, Los Angeles printer; Roger Hull, New York insurance executive; Dr. Harold Ockenga, Boston, Mass., minister; Dr. Graham; George M. Wilson of Minneapolis; and the Rev. Leighton Ford, the Rev. Grady Wilson and Clifford Barrows, all of the Charlotte, N. C., and members of the Graham team.

● BOY SCOUTS and the life of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement, will be the subject of Cecil B. DeMille's next motion picture, it was announced by the veteran film maker. The project, to be called "On My Honor," will be a joint venture by Mr. DeMille, Paramount Pictures Corporation and Motion Picture Associates and is scheduled for early 1960 production.

● PROTESTANTS AND OTHER Americans United will hold its national Conference February 9 and 10 in Saint Louis, Mo. Sessions on February 9 will be at Third Baptist Church and on February 10 at Scottish Rite Cathedral. Theme of the conference will be "Church and State in a Free Society."

● DR. FREDERICK CURTIS FOWLER, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Duluth, Minnesota, is appearing on the present series of the American Religious Town Hall Meeting of the Air. He represents the National Association of Evangelicals in this famous forum.

ing as chairman of the commission will be Rev. Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. In addition to duties with the commission, Mr. Webb is executive director of the denomination's Sunday School, Youth, and Evangelism Departments.

Attendance at the 1958 Assemblies of God youth camps totalled 12,887, according to the Rev. Dick Fulmer, national secretary of the youth department. The enrollment represents an all-time high, passing the 1957 figures by approximately 2,000. Forty-four districts of the Assemblies of God sponsored summer youth programs in all states of the U.S. The camps were increased in 1958 to 80 from a prevoius high of 72 in 1957. Teachers and workers in the camps reported 1,458 conversions during evangelistic services.

The 1959 camp theme will be, "Search," according to plans recently announced by the national youth department. Two courses of study will be offered for camps, one entitled, "Search for Truth," and another entitled, "Search for Happiness."

Name Change Rejected For New Lutheran Body

CHICAGO—(NLC)—The new Lutheran denomination of more than two million members that will be formed by merger of three church bodies will retain the name originally chosen for it—"The American Lutheran Church." An effort to change the name to "The United Evangelical Lutheran Church" was soundly beaten during a two-day meeting here of the Joint Union Committee of the groups scheduled to unite in 1960.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church, which initiated the proposal, lined up in favor of the change, while the American Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church stood solidly against it.

Final steps to unite the three churches were approved here by the Joint Committee for the three-way merger. The final conventions of the uniting churches and the constituting convention of the united church will be held in April of 1960 at Minneapolis, already selected as the headquarters city. Eight months later, on January 1, 1961, The ALC will begin to function as a new denomination.

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Sunday School night will be featured Wednesday evening, April 7, at the NAE Convention in Los Angeles.

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Maryland Board Votes Record $400,000 Budget

BALTIMORE —(BP)— The mission board of the Maryland Baptist Union Association recommended a record $400,000 budget for 1959 at the Association's annual session in Hagerstown, Md. The '59 goal compares with a state budget of $344,000 for the past year. The first $360,000 of the proposed new budget would be divided with sixty per cent going to Maryland state Baptist objectives and forty per cent to work of the Southern Baptist Convention at large. The other $40,000 would be divided evenly between SBC objectives and the revolving loan fund for the Maryland Baptist church extension society.

Editor Gainer Bryan of the *Maryland Baptist,* published twice a month by the association, reported plans to increase the size of the paper from eight pages per issue to twelve pages.

Florida Position About Presidential Candidate

MIAMI —(BP)— Florida Baptists meeting here said they "strongly oppose the election of a United States President who gives precedence to a religious or political allegiance over the United States Constitution." The resolution of Florida Baptist Convention did not refer to any religion by name nor any person by name. However, many accepted this as a statement opposing a Roman Catholic candidate for President.

The convention also opposed diverting of public tax funds to church-related institutions, and asked "serious consideration" be given to having a Baptist observer at United Nations and to establishing a world Baptist university. Another resolution denounced "all use of violence, intimidation, or threat by any group or individual by whatever name as a means of influencing public opinion." It said that Florida Baptists would "refrain from acts, attitudes, and associations which tend to lawlessness and violence." The resolution encouraged men who "prayerfully and intelligently seek solutions to our problems in this day of unrest" but denounced "all men who deliberately intensify the problem for personal or political self-interest."

missions

Missionary Produces Correspondence Course

LOS ANGELES—Orient Crusades has announced the production of a new correspondence course. Prepared by Missionary Don Hillis, this study of the Epistle to the Galatians is titled "Christian Liberty Course" and is the third in the series of the Light of Life correspondence school program. A six-lesson study, prepared particularly with Latin America in mind, it has already been printed in India and is now in the final stages of preparation in the Spanish language for Latin America.

The text of each respective chapter of Galatians is printed along with the respective lessons so that those who do not have Bibles in their own language can study the course. An Orient Crusades spokesman declares: "Mr. Hillis prepared the six lessons of the 'Christian Liberty Course' in the full conviction that the Epistle to the Galatians was written to set men free from the bondage of human efforts and to lead men into the glorious liberty of justification by faith. A widespread use of the course is anticipated in many countries of the world."

Judd Asks Expansion Of Mission Programs

NORWIJK, The Netherlands —(RNS)—Rep. Walter H. Judd (R.-Minn.) called here for the expansion of mission programs because they "minister to human beings for no other reason than human sympathy." He told delegates to the International Council for Christian Leadership, of which he is vice-president, that "our greatest need is to recapture a faith in our own Christian faith at least equal to the faith the Communists have in theirs."

The former medical missionary to China said that "the way to change Communism is to change Communists —that is, to change men, and that is the business of the Christian religion." He urged western nations to continue to oppose the admission of Communist China to the United Nations. Seating of Red China in the UN would be "a smashing diplomatic victory for the oppressors," he said

Queen Juliana of The Netherlands opened the conference, at which her husband, Prince Bernhard, presided. Dr. Judd was an official U. S. Delegate to the Atoms for Peace Conference at Geneva.

The ICCL conducts prayer breakfast and luncheon groups for Christian businessmen and government leaders throughout the world. Its American branch is called the International Christian Leadership, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. Annual convention of ICL will be held in the Mayflower Hotel in the nation's capital February 4-7 (see *Action* December 1958).

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Dr. Paul P. Petticord, past president, is chairman of 1959 NAE Convention, April 6-10, Los Angeles.

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public affairs

Presbyterians Urged to Aid Reopening of Closed Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— The Presbytery of Washington City called upon individual Presbyterians to "aid speedy reopening" of public schools that have been closed in Virginia to avoid racial desegregation.

With a membership of more than a dozen churches in northern Virginia, the Presbytery is affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. It unanimously adopted a resolution deploring the fact that "thousands of our youth are being deprived of their rights to an education to prepare them for their role in life."

"We are compelled to draw attention to the fact that the primary victims of our present conflict are the youth of our land," said the Presbytery. It warned that the general public "must be conscious of the terrible dangers inherent in certain courses of action which are depriving youth of proper educational facilities."

The Presbytery called upon citizens in the areas affected by school closings or imminent threat of closings to consider "the intrinsic worth of every child" and "the concern of the church for respect for and obedience to the law."

Graham Warns of Possible Division Over Integration

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (EP) — "I pray to God that Southern Baptists are not divided on the race issue. May

we stand united—at the Cross." This appeal was sounded by Evangelist Billy Graham as he addressed over 2,500 delegates to the Alabama State Baptist Convention here.

"Some people have made segregation and integration their Gospel, but our Gospel is *this*," said Graham. And he held up a Bible.

At the convention, the Christian Life Commission of the Alabama State Baptist Convention urged that a "middle position" on race relations be maintained.

Post Office to Tighten Obscenity Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—The United States Post Office Department will probably seek new legislation to strengthen its hand in dealing with obscenity in the mail at the new session of Congress, it was disclosed here by Leo. G. Knoll, deputy general counsel of the Post Office Department.

Mr. Knoll told members of the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications, an interdenominational Protestant organization, that court decisions have so narrowed the authority of the department to impound mail of peddlers of smut that it may be necessary to ask Congress to rephrase Section 259 (b) of the postal law in order to provide additional grounds for impounding mail.

Religious Leaders Join New Anti-Bigotry Group

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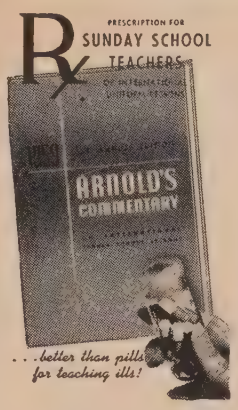

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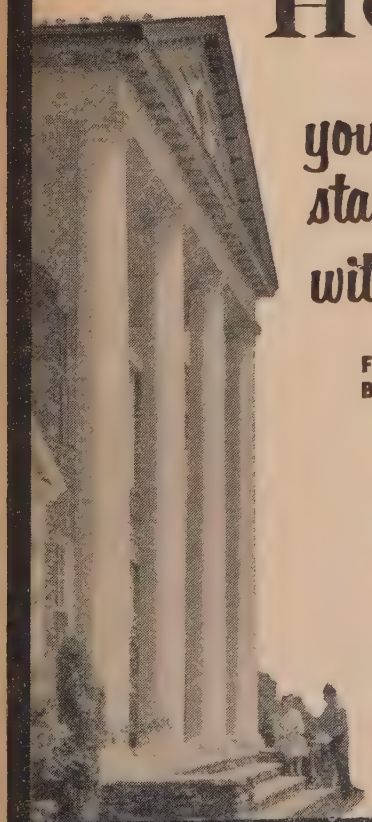

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ed invitations to join a new organization to be known as "Americans Against Bombs of Bigotry," newspaper columnist and radio commentator Drew Pearson announced here. The group will help churches and schools that are bombed rebuild their damaged buildings.

Mr. Pearson said that Mr. Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, a vice-president of the National Council of Churches, and Gov.-elect Edmund C. (Pat) Brown of California, a prominent Roman Catholic layman, have accepted the posts of co-chairmen.

Evangelist Billy Graham, Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Sen. John F. Kennedy (D.-Mass.), George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, and several Southern mayors, including Mayor William B. Hartsfield of Atlanta, Ga., will serve on the board of directors.

A statement by Mr. Taft and Gov. Brown said the organization would "provide a means by which citizens can contribute to communities and congregations which have suffered loss, and post standing rewards for the apprehension of the guilty."

Scores Preachers Silent on Race Issue

MIAMI, Fla.—(RNS)—A Southern Baptist pastor said here that "too long have our pulpits and churches been silent" on the race issue. Dr. R. B. Culbreth, pastor of the Miami Springs, Fla., Baptist church, told the Florida Baptist Convention that preachers have been silent because "we do not have the answer—at least not an acceptable one."

He also scored the "hostility we feel on the part of many church members." Many of his pastor friends had been asked to resign their pastorates and have been "practically run out of town in disgrace for daring to speak on integration," he said.

"Many church members are so full of prejudice they do not want to hear what the Bible has to say," Dr. Culbreth added. The Bible, he said, teaches that Christ died for all men regardless of race, and that all believers are brothers.

Dr. Culbreth urged a moderate approach to integration and warned against the "extreme" attitudes of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on the one hand, and the Ku Klux Klan and white citizens councils, on the other.

education

Double Celebration At Park Street Church

BOSTON—A double celebration occurred at historic Park Street Church here with the holding of the Tenth Annual Christian Education Conference and observance of the twenty-second year of Dr. Harold J. Ockenga's ministry. The 149-year-old church has contributed more than $200,000 to Christian higher education in the past ten years.

Included in the conference program were outstanding Christian educators. President Leonard T. Lewis of Gordon College, Beverly Farms, Mass., was in charge of the program. Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, president of Providence-Barrington Bible College, Providence, R. I., speaking on "The Challenge of Soviet, Education," told the conference that "the Communists have captured the citadels of learning in competition for the minds and souls of men in this exploding world." A panel featuring four educators, "Where Do We Go from Here in Education?" was moderated by Dr. Ockenga. Participating were Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, Stony Brook School for Boys, Long Island, N. Y.; Dr. Cornelius Van Till, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; Dr. Kenneth Benne, Boston University, and Dr. Judson Shaplin of Harvard University.

Russian Language Offered at Taylor

UPLAND, Ind.—The Russian language will be taught at Taylor University starting next fall, President Evan H. Bergwall has announced. Beginning Russian will be introduced next year, and both first and second years of the language will be offered thereafter. The course is being added to meet the demand for better informed citizens and to provide training for those interested in various forms of government service.

Dr. Julius Valberg, Assistant Professor of History will teach the course. He has taught a six-hour course in Russian Civilization for several years. Dr. Valberg received his M.A. and LL.D. degrees from the University of Latvia, and also studied at the University of Cologne, Germany; Institute Universitaire, Geneva, Switzerland; Harvard University Law School and Indiana University. Before joining the Taylor faculty he served as Attorney at Law for the United States Military Government courts for the U. S. area of control in Germany, and also was interpreter for the Allied Expeditionary Force, serving in the U. S. Army.

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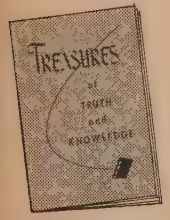

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Kentucky Baptists Face New Educational Plans

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. —(BP)—Kentucky Baptists face a proposed new educational program which would drop three of their seven existing Baptist schools and merge the remaining four into a Kentucky Baptist University at Louisville. The recommendations were voted on here at the annual meeting of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Kentucky Baptist University is the title proposed for a school yet to be established. A 238-acre tract has been bought on the outskirts of Louisville for a branch of the present four-year Baptist college, Georgetown College.

In addition to their four-year college, Kentucky Baptists also have three junior colleges, two academies, and a Bible school for preachers.

Louisville was recommended as site of the proposed new Kentucky Baptist University because it is the largest city in the state, is a cultural center, and there are a large number of Baptists in the city.

Memorial Gift Made For School of Theology

ANDERSON, Ind.—A memorial gift of $75,000, to help construct the first unit of a School of Theology building at Anderson College, has been announced by the National Women's Missionary Society of the Church of God. Mrs. E. E. Perry, Grand Rapids, Mich., president, said the gift honors Mrs. Frances Bearden Tallen, Auburn, Ind., first treasurer of the national group, who died recently.

The gift will be raised over a three year period, the first one-third to be in addition to a record $300,000 budget the woman's society adopted in a meeting of its national board.

Three years ago the woman's society gave a similar gift to Anderson College when it was building its new Charles E. Wilson Library.

Torrey Bible Conference Scheduled for Southland

LOS ANGELES—The Torrey Bible Conference sponsored by Bible Institute of Los Angeles will be centered in six or seven churches throughout the Southland, according to the BIOLA Public Relations Department. Dates are January 24 to February 1, and the theme, "For Such a Time as This."

Outstanding Bible teachers, pastors and Christian leaders will participate in the conference, says Mr. Ed Steele, Director of Extension, speakers to include Dr. Ralph Byron, Dr. Bob Cook, Dr. Paul Bauman, Rev. Ray Stedman and others.

Christian Convention Chalks Record Number

LONG BEACH, Calif.—A record high in attendance was recorded at the fifth annual Pacific Christian Convention sponsored by Pacific Bible Seminary, held here recently in the auditorium of First Christian Church. Eight hundred and fifty registered at the door. A probable total of one thousand different people attended.

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ular college sessions, a worship chapel at which James M. Irby, minister of the Escondido Church of Christ, was the speaker, a talent assembly, featuring musical groups from the Seminary student body, and a pep rally in anticipation of the Pacific-San Jose game. Many of the visitors took a side trip to Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, in the afternoon.

Southeastern College Has Largest Enrollment

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The largest full-time student body in its history was enrolled this school year at Southeastern Bible College here. Registrations recorded students from twenty states and three foreign countries, said Dr. Leon W. Gillaspie, acting president, with a higher percentage of returning students than for any previous year.

With five additions in the fall and another added this month, the faculty

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Lieut-Gen. William K. Harrison (ret.) United Nations General at the Panmunjab Peace Table, will present the cause of Evangelical Welfare on Wednesday night, April 7, at the NAE Convention in Los Angeles.

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now numbers ten full-time and seven part-time teachers, with twenty-two others as administrative assistants and on the staff. In addition to major courses in Bible and Theology, Missions and Christian Education, a major in Sacred Music has been added. Facilities of the school now include eight buildings used for classrooms, chapel, offices, dormitories, music building and recreation. It is anticipated by administrative officers that additional dormitory space will be needed by next fall.

Reform

Liquor Sellers Top Churches in Number

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— The number of establishments in the United States licensed to sell beer, wine, or liquor exceeds by more than 131,000 the total of all churches, synagogues, and other places of religious worship, the Methodist Board of Temperance said here.

There are 275,826 licensed sellers of liquor and 162,057 drinking places selling beer only, for a total of 437,933 purveyors of alcoholic beverages, the temperance agency said.

At the same time, there are only 306,893 places of worship in the United States, the board said, including 279,744 Protestant churches, 21,327 Roman Catholic, 4,079 Jewish synagogues, 1,357 Eastern Orthodox, 337 Old Catholic churches and 49 Buddhist temples.

Although beverage dispensaries still exceed places of religious worship by 131,040, there was a decrease in the number of beverage licenses of 3,856 during the year ended June 30, 1958, the temperance group said, while 1,444 new churches and synagogues were built.

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Bob Pierce Challenges World Christian Leaders

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In this beautiful city situated seventy-five miles from the equator and known as "the Pearl of the Orient," Christians of all leading groups listened as President Bob Pierce of World Vision opened the conference with a call for "solidarity and unity in the Church of Jesus Christ in Asia." After noting that Malaya has a population exceeding six million persons and Singapore an additional one and a half millions, only 60,000 of which are Christians (and this after 150 years of missionary endeavor), Dr. Pierce went on to state that: "This alarming fact should challenge the Church of Christ regardless of denominational barriers to greater and more unified missionary efforts in the growing battle for the minds and souls of men."

The Malayan Christian Council and the Singapore Christian Chinese Inter-Church Union, in cooperation with World Vision, sponsored this unprecedented conclave of world leaders.

Russian Religion Decadent Reports Texas Evangelist

WASHINGTON—"I'd like to challenge anyone who says there's a religious revival going on in Russia," says Texas-born Tommy Hicks, an evangelist recently returned from a 32-day preaching tour of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Hicks, who has spent most of the past five years preaching on foreign shores, described religion outside the large Russian cities of Leningrad and Moscow as decadent. "Back in 1955," he says, "the newspaper *Pravda* announced that Christianity would be dead in Russia within ten years. From my latest observation, I'd say they don't need that long."

During the tour Evangelist Hicks held 23 services which were arranged through local pastors. Hicks said he does not know precisely how the pastors were able to obtain permission for the meetings.

Communist China Paper Criticizes Billy Graham

TOKYO—Comments of a pro-Communist Chinese church paper on Billy Graham's visit to India some time ago have been received from Mr. Kenny Joseph, managing editor of *Japan Harvest,* official organ of the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan.

The Shanghai magazine, *Heavenly Wind,* official publication of the Chinese Christian Three Self Love Country Movement, published a speech by a Chinese church leader in which criticism was made of Billy Graham's evangelistic campaign in India. The topic of the article is "Concerning the Use Made of Christianity by the Imperialists," and a sub-title reads, "Imperialistic America's Activity in the Use of Christianity in International Affairs."

Free translation of a quotation from the Shanghai periodical reads: "In India the missionaries disdainfully ignore the Indian people's nationalism... The church should take root in one nation but its witness and service is superior to any one nation. . . They would not allow the students to celebrate national independence day. . . This is because the imperialistic elements say, 'You are a colony of Heaven,' and 'You are in this nation but not of this nation.' Thus the missionaries

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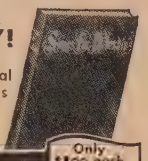
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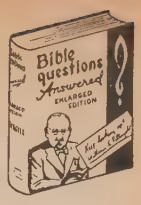

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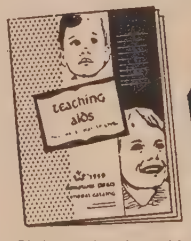

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manufacture a contradiction between love of country and love of religion. . . Indirectly, too, the American Imperialists use the church, as when Soviet Russian leaders Khrushchev and Bulganin had toured India and received an unprecedented welcome from the people of India, later the anti-Communist evangelist Billy Graham came to India to begin what is called an evangelistic campaign. He was nothing less than a servant and tool of American Imperialists, this so-called 'great evangelist.'"

Korean Evangelicals "Oppose Ecumenism"

SEOUL, Korea—The National Association of Evangelicals in Korea, reports Rev. Dong Jin Cho, literature chairman, has had an active fall season in the interests of evangelical Christianity.

Korean NAE opened its third NAE Seoul Crusade with a campaign against "modern ecumenism," including addresses by Dr. H. N. Park, former president of the Presbyterian Seminary, and Dr. H. J. Kim, vice-president of DaiJun Christian College. In conjunction with the meeting was the first Local Leaders Training Conference of NAE when more than a hundred delegates gathered from forty regional branches. Then followed the Forty-third General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. One hundred of the 265 delegates present signed a proposal of secession from membership in the World Council of Churches, but the proposal was not passed, said Mr. Cho, "owing to the opposition from ecumenists." "We warn our churches," he said, "not to be ecumenalized."

Swiss Churches Push Fight Against Obscene Literature

BERNE, Switzerland—(RNS)—Establishment of a study center to facilitate ridding Switzerland of immoral literature was provided for in a resolution adopted here by representatives of the country's Protestant, Roman Catholic and Old Catholic Churches. The center will be jointly maintained by three groups.

Urging authorities to apply existing legal penalties "more severely and more logically," the resolution also called for revision of the federal penalty for persons convicted of distributing immoral literature. It asked further that the code define such literature more strictly.

Reminding parents, teachers and youth workers of their duty to supervise reading matter of young people, the resolution asked them to cooperate effectively in the Churches' campaign against obscene literature.

Singapore Public Schools to Offer Religious Instruction

SINGAPORE —(RNS)— The Ministry of Education in this British Colony issued a decree permitting nearly 100,000 children in public schools to receive instruction either in formal religion or in ethics, as of January 1959. Purpose of the decree, it was stated, is to help combat juvenile delinquency and to provide a basis for resisting Communism in Singapore.

The Minister of Education, Chew Swee Chee, a Methodist, said that the decree concerns only public schools since mission and other private educational institutions already have religious instruction as part of their regular course of studies.

Of the 98,966 pupils in government schools, 29,000 will take the ethics course. The rest will study religion, the biggest group being those studying Buddhism. About 4,000 youngsters will be taught Catholicism, 6,000 Hinduism, 14,000 Islamism and 4,600 will be instructed by ten Protestant groups working together in this cooperative project.

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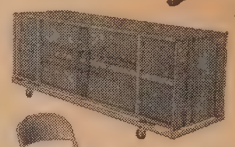

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Jerry Beavan, who is in charge of advance organizational work for the Billy Graham Crusades in Australia this year, is reported well on the way to recovery after hospitalization and surgery in Sydney.

Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., has been invited to conduct a major evangelistic crusade in Ghana (Africa) in February to aid in the celebration observance of the country's second year of independence.

Frank A. Tobey (Major General), Chief of Army Chaplains, recently made his first trip to Europe in this official capacity. Accompanied by Chaplain (Major) William R. Fitzgerald, a member of his staff, he visited American troops, inspected chaplain activities, and was honored guest at the rededication of the American Memorial Chapel at Saint Paul's Cathedral in London.

Clarence W. Jones, president of World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Talcottville, Conn., traveled through Latin America recently, making a survey of evangelical broadcasts. He reported from Cuba a great increase in Gospel broadcasting both over evangelical stations and through the use of purchased time on commercial stations.

Harry J. Jaeger retired at the end of the year from his position as executive vice-president and secretary of The Sunday School Times. He will continue as a director of the Company and will lead the Christian Fellowship Tours to Alaska and Hawaii which have been conducted by The Sunday School Times for many years.

Don't miss the NAE Convention in Hotel Statler Hilton, Los Angeles, April 6-10. You'll regret it if you do!

Wilbur E. Nelson, director of the nation-wide radio broadcast, "The Morning Chapel Hour," has resigned from his pastorate at the Church by the Side of the Road, Wheaton, Ill., to return to California where he will set up headquarters for his fourteen-year-old radio work.

Adela Ruth Harkness, wife of Robert Harkness, well-known Australian Gospel song writer, went to be with the Lord after a short illness. Mrs. Harkness for many years interpreted her husband's songs in his many Gospel music tours.

L. H. Aultman has succeeded Rev. Paul H. Walker as executive secretary of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) Foreign Missions.

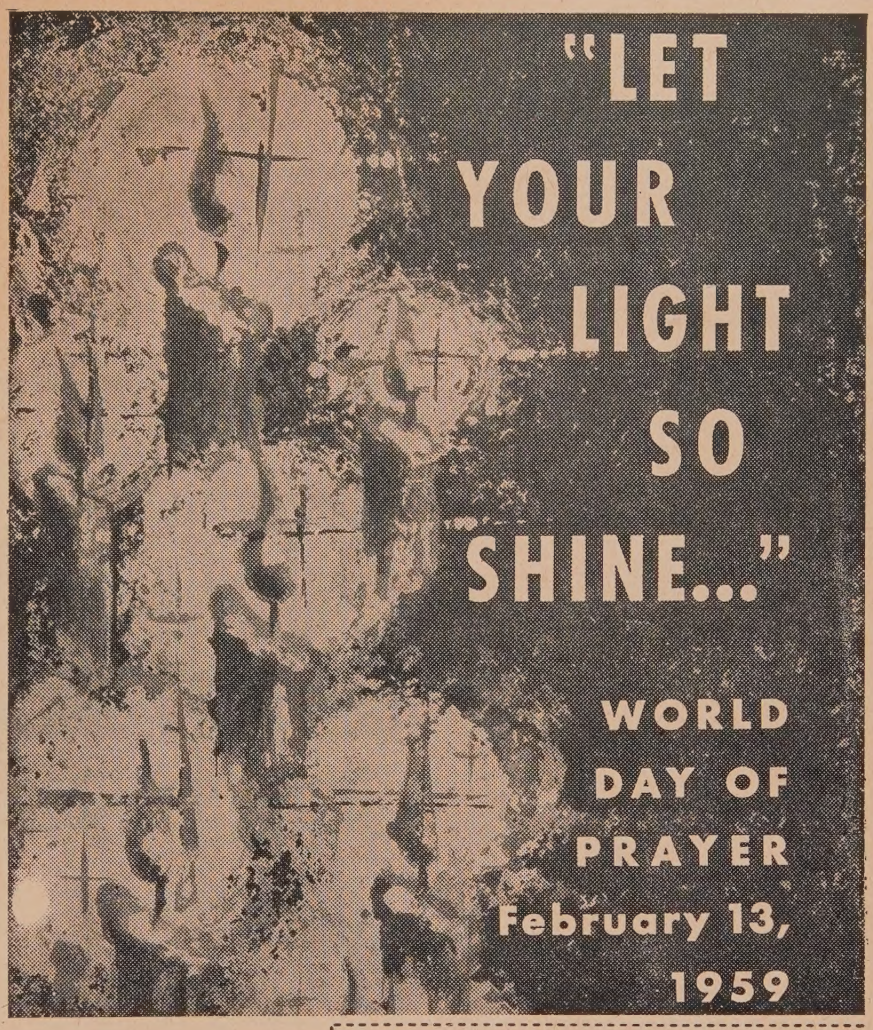
Kenneth Geiger, general superintendent of the United Missionary Church, is on a world tour which will take him to many of their mission fields around the world.

Charles R. Hennix, Christian business man, Wheaton, Ill., has been named assistant to Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of Youth for Christ International.

Vernon E. Bergstrom, director of the Lutheran Refugee Service, a joint agency of the National Lutheran Council and Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, recently completed a five-week trip to Europe to gain an over-all picture of the processing of Lutheran refugee cases.

Chester E. Tulga, noted Bible teacher and author and member of the faculty of Mountain State Baptist Bible Institute, Alderson, W. Va., has begun publication of a new independent monthly, *The New Testament Baptist.*

Paul B. Smith, associate pastor of People's Church, Toronto, recently concluded meetings in Korea, Hong Kong, and Japan and then went on to Moscow, Russia.



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What is a standard Sunday School?

A Standard School is not an average school; neither is it a perfect school. The average is below standard; there are no perfect schools. A standard school is a school with minimum standards, but a school that is continuously raising its standards.

Many denominations have a list of standards for their Sunday Schools. Some of these lists are scored so that a comparison can be made with other schools.

Unless a Sunday School has standards it can only loosely be referred to as a school. If we want to put the school into Sunday School we must consider standards.

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2. Personnel
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4. Pupils
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6. Properties

How can an unsatisfactory teacher or worker be dismissed?

We ought always to discover first, why a worker is unsatisfactory. Sometimes the work has not been properly outlined in the beginning so that the worker understands what is expected of him.

Many workers are actually trying to do a job they are not prepared to do. Proper supervision from pastor or superintendent will often help an inefficient person assume new interest and increase efficiency as a result.

In case a person is neither trained nor equipped and there is apparently no indication he will improve, we may search for a different job and suggest a shift. Sometimes a different age group to work with is all that is needed. There are many jobs in the whole field of Christian education and fortunately most any one who is willing to serve can find something he is interested in and that he really enjoys.

Another important step is to set before the failing individual an ultimatum, such as, "If you cannot make the contacts on your absentees, you'll have to consider giving up your class as you know the decision of the Sunday School board." In other words give him a second and even a third chance; a fair trial so that he will have no reason to complain.

Only as a last resort, after much prayer and patience should we resort to an outright dismissal; but occasionally there are those times, and the good of the whole work should not allow one person to spoil the lives of many people.

In an ideal situation, the matter should be the decision of the board of Christian education. If there is no board of Christian education some comparable group less than the Sunday School faculty should determine the matter. Then the pastor and/or superintendent must inform the person of the decision.

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IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

An Open Letter to the Christians of America

SEOUL, KOREA—I walked through the streets of Seoul soon after the fighting ended and saw devastation and suffering beyond imagination. My guide, a Christian who had suffered greatly at Communist hands, pointed to the remains of the YMCA building and said, "One day the Reds herded 3,000 Christians into the basement of that building and turned machine guns on them. They were hunted down and destroyed simply because they were Christians."

SOUTHEAST CHINA—Bishop Quentin K. Y. Huang, Bishop to Chinese in the United States and formerly Episcopal Bishop in China, states that before the Communists took over in China they infiltrated the churches, the parochial schools, the seminaries and the church hospitals. The spiritual church has now been driven completely underground. The visible church is a show window for foreign visitors, operating under full control of the Communists.

SALEM, OREGON—Just a few weeks ago an evangelical pastor was approached by a Communist Party member in an effort to soften up the Communist cause. When the pastor resisted, he was told that the Communists have a complete record of pastors and members of the churches of Salem in their files ready for action at the appropriate time. This is the same pattern followed in China and Korea.

You can see from these facts why we are alarmed by the recent statement by the World Order Study Conference sponsored by the National Council of Churches urging United States recognition of Red China. The statement follows the regular Communist Party line ignoring the fact that the Reds in China have promulgated a false church loyal to the Communist ideology and in opposition to the true church—that missionaries have been tortured, then deported and their belongings confiscated—that Communist leaders continue to make it clear that their goal is world domination.

There is no doubt but that liberalism is playing directly into the hands of the Communists. The recognition of Red China is one of the *major* objectives of the Communists in their drive for world control. It would bring Communist control of our country and our churches much closer.

WHAT WOULD THIS MEAN TO YOUR CHURCH? An official publication of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives points out that if Communism should come to the United States it would mean that:

1. If you belong to a church, you must prepare for persecution.
2. The Communists would destroy every copy of the Bible they could find.
3. It would be illegal for your children to attend Sunday School.
4. The Communists would indoctrinate your children in atheism.
5. Church weddings, funerals and baptisms would be illegal.
6. Missionary work would be absolutely forbidden.

The NAE is your voice in this critical hour. We have delivered a statement of protest to the White House and to the State Department. *We will continue to protest at every opportunity.* Without this, the pressure of the National Council of Churches on our national leaders would be almost unbearable.

We need your earnest prayers and generous financial support. You dare not jeopardize your freedom by failing to support as fully as you possibly can our efforts to *protect you and your church.* Every sincere Christian, every American citizen, should give sacrificially now! Please seek God's will and send your gift immediately. If your gift is $10.00 or more, we will send a complimentary copy of *The Black Book on Red China,* the new 176 page book by Edward Hunter, for 30 years a correspondent in the Far East, author of the "BRAINWASHING" books and one of America's foremost authorities on Communism.

Yours for Freedom in America,

George L. Ford, Executive Director
National Association of Evangelicals

"The Communists are insisting on recognition of Red China because they believe it will be a major step forward in their drive for world control."

Herbert Philbrick
Former FBI Undercover Agent
Author, I LED THREE LIVES

If you do not want to see this Communist advance write today to the Department of State, Washington 25, D. C., denouncing the statement of the National Council of Churches and protesting recognition of Red China.

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